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SUBJECT: UN SPECIAL RAPPOREUR ON THE INDEPENDENCE OF
JUDGES AND LAWYERS REQUESTS USG SUPPORT FOR AMCIT CANDIDATE
TO REPLACE HIM

¶1. (SBU) Action Request: The Ambassador received from
Leandro Despouy, the UN Special Rapporteur on the
Independence of Judges and Lawyers a May 4 letter (in
English) requesting the USG support the candidacy of Amcit
Reed Brody to replace him. Text of letter follows in para 2.
Embassy requests Department guidance on response to Despouy.

¶2. (SBU) Text of Despouy's letter:

Buenos Aires, 4 May 2009

Ambassador of the United States in Argentina
Mr. Earl Anthony Wayne:

I have the honor to write to you in order to kindly ask you
to inform the Department of State in Washington that the
Human Rights Council is in the process of selection of a new
Special Rapporteur on the Independence of Judges and Lawyers,
since I have almost finished my mandate. In this regard, I
have officially supported the candidacy of Mr. Reed Brody for
this mandate, due to his vast experience and path in the
fight for human rights.

The selection process establishes that the President of the
Council seeks advice from Governments and Special Procedures
Mandate Holders on the list of recommended candidates for
each vacancy. To that respect, I have supported Reed Brody's
candidacy because I consider he possesses the highest
qualifications for the mandate, but also because of his
American nationality. The United States has a long
democratic tradition in defending the independence of the
Judiciary. Thus, I permit myself to ask you, in case you
agree with my proposal, to promote his candidacy before the
United Nations.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Leandro O. Despouy
United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Independence of
Judges and Lawyers

End text of letter.

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